Repealing JPM Act

1395. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that since the enactment of Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987, Government is imposing absolute reservation for jute packaging for foodgrain and sugar instead of diluting the same;

(b) whether Government is also aware that the import of jute bags is increasing in case of shortage of jute in the country after the decision taken by Government to reserve 100 per cent of foodgrain and sugar to be packaged in jute packing material; and

(c) whether Government is considering to repeal the JPM Act, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Government has not imposed absolute reservation for packaging for foodgrains and sugar since enactment of Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987. The reservation was diluted in the years 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 & 2005 for sugar and in the years 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2004 for foodgrain. Beside that, the order issued under JPM Act, 1987 provides that in case of shortage or disruption of supply of jute packaging material, Ministry of Textiles may in consultation with the user Ministries concerned relax the provisions upto a maximum of 20% for foodgrains and sugar respectively.

(b) There is no co-relation between import of jute bags and provisions under JPM Act because use of imported jute bags for packing foodgrains and sugar under JPM Act, 1987, is not permissible.

(c) No, Sir.

Houses at subsidized rates for textile workers

1396. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to construct houses for textile workers at subsidized rates;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no existing scheme to construct houses for textile workers at subsidized rates.

12.00 NOON

(MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair.)

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Notifications of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

II. Report and Accounts (2006-07) of the Indian Institute of Mass Communication, New Delhi and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): Sir, on behalf of Shri Priyaranjan Dasmunsi, I lay on the Table:

I. (i) A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting Notification G.S.R. 284 dated the 22nd December, 2007, publishing the Prasar Bharati (Broadcasting Corporation of India) Investment of Moneys Rules, 2007, under section 34 of the Prasar Bharati (Broadcasting Corporation of India) Act, 1990. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 8179/08]

(ii) A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting Notification S.O. 281 (E), dated the 8th February, 2008, publishing certain events as sporting events of national importance, under section 8 of the Sports Broadcasting Signals (Mandatory Sharing with Prasar Bharati) Act, 2007. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 8180/08]

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Mass Communication, New Delhi, for the year 2006-2007, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 8178/08]

I. Notification of Ministry of Labour and Employment.

II. Statement on ILO Convention No. 174 and Recommendation No. 181.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): Sir, I lay on the Table:

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Labour and Employment, (Directorate General of Employment and Training) Notification G.S.R. 696 (E) dated the 7th November, 2007, publishing the Apprenticeship (Seventh Amendment) Rules, 2007, under sub-section (3) of section 37 of the Apprentices Act, 1961. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 8312/08]

II. A Statement (in English and Hindi) on ILO Convention No. 174 and Recommendation No. 181 concerning Prevention of Major Industrial Accidents adopted at the 80th Session of the International Labour Conference held in Geneva in 1993. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 8119/08]

Notification of the Ministry of Home Affairs

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs (Department of Official Language) Notification G.S.R. 162 dated the 11th August, 2007, publishing the Official Languages (Use for Official Purposes of the Union) Amendment Rules, 2007 under section 8(2) of the Official Languages Act, 1963, together with delay statement. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 8181/08]

Accounts (2006-07) of the National Human Rights Commission and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): Sir, lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—